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Amendment

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Offered by:
SEN. DUFF, 25th Dist.

To: Senate Bill No. 140

File No. 56

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"AN ACT CONCERNING MASSAGE THERAPY."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 20-206a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

5 As used in subsection (c) of section 19a-14, [and] sections 20-206a to
6 [20-206c] 20-206f, inclusive, and section 2 of this act:

7 (a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health.

8 (b) "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

9 (c) ["Connecticut licensed massage"] "Massage therapist" means a
10 person who has been licensed by the department to practice massage
11 therapy under the provisions of sections 20-206a to [20-206c] 20-206e,
12 inclusive.

13 (d) "Massage or massage therapy" means the systematic and

14 scientific manipulation and treatment of the soft tissues of the body, by
15 use of pressure, friction, stroking, percussion, kneading, vibration by
16 manual or mechanical means, range of motion and nonspecific
17 stretching. Massage therapy may include the use of oil, ice, hot and
18 cold packs, tub, shower, steam, dry heat, or cabinet baths, for the
19 purpose of, but not limited to, maintaining good health and
20 establishing and maintaining good physical and mental condition.
21 Massage therapy does not encompass diagnosis, the prescribing of
22 drugs or medicines, spinal or other joint manipulations, nor any
23 service or procedure for which a license to practice medicine,
24 chiropractic, natureopathy, physical therapy, or podiatry is required
25 by law.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 20-206b of the general statutes is
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
28 *January 1, 2008*):

29 (e) No person shall use the title ["Connecticut licensed massage
30 therapist"] "massage therapist", "licensed massage therapist", "massage
31 practitioner", "massagist", "masseur" or "masseuse", unless the person
32 holds a license issued in accordance with this section or other
33 applicable law.

34 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2008*) (a) As used in this section,
35 "advertise" includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of any card, sign
36 or device to any person; causing, permitting or allowing any sign or
37 marking on or in any building, vehicle or structure; advertising in any
38 newspaper or magazine; the placement of any listing or advertisement
39 in any directory under a classification or heading that includes the
40 words "massage", "massage therapist", "massage therapy" or "massage
41 therapy establishment".

42 (b) No person, firm, partnership or corporation shall advertise any
43 of the services included in the definition of massage therapy in any
44 manner using the term or title "massage", unless such services are
45 performed by a massage therapist.

46 (c) Each person who holds a license as a massage therapist shall
47 include his or her license number in any advertisement for such
48 person's massage therapy services that appears in a newspaper,
49 telephone directory or other advertising medium.

50 (d) It shall be a violation of this section for any person who does not
51 hold a current license as a massage therapist to advertise massage
52 therapy services in any public or private publication or communication
53 by using the term "massage" or any other term that implies a massage
54 service or activity."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2008</i>	20-206a
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2008</i>	20-206b(e)
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2008</i>	New section